



April 21, 2020

Dear Chair Hausman and Members of the Committee:

Metro Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF4541, a bill that provides state assistance to aid renters and homeowners in meeting housing obligations that for many have become increasingly difficult due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on employment and income.

Metro Cities has heard from city officials across the metropolitan region that housing assistance is a need for many residents, with some residents seeking help to pay their rent or mortgage and other housing-related costs.

State resources play a critical role in providing housing stability and at this time are all the more crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic. HF4541 would provide needed assistance for many communities and their residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HF4541.

Regards,

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